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# Young and BROKEN

At 1522 Conestoga on Dec. 21, authorities say Malika Henderson stabbed Andre Monroe, 40, with a shard of glass, and kicked him in the stab wound. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

**Exclusive interview.** The family of the 19-year-old woman, charged with the murder of a 40-year-old man in December, says she was the repeated victim of sexual abuse since childhood. **Murder weapon.** Malika Henderson was charged with murder and possessing an instrument of crime — a shard of glass — with criminal intent. PAGE 02

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# Exclusive: Family of suspected killer speaks

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**Unfair.** The family of a teen charged with first-degree murder says she's mentally ill.

Last week, a judge upheld first-degree murder charges against Malika Henderson, 19, who is accused of stabbing a 40-year-old man to death with a piece of glass.

But Henderson's parents claim she has mental health issues. They claim she has been the repeated victim of sexual abuse since childhood, and that she was stabbed in the throat just three years ago.

"It's tragic because this child's been locked up her whole life and medicated," said Victor Henderson, Malika's biological father.

As a minor, she was a plaintiff in a class action lawsuit filed against the Department of Human Services in 2008 alleging that the agency was not providing safe environments for all the children in their custody and was violating federal law.

That suit ended with a settlement: The court would supervise DHS' continued best efforts to comply with the 37 recommendations made by the Child Welfare Review Panel. But Henderson continued to be in DHS custody.

Brian Jones, her stepfather, claimed that when Henderson was 17, she was stabbed in the neck while in a residential facility. At age 7, he said, she was removed from a foster home after she was sexually abused.

**Quoted**

**"I just pray that she doesn't get life [in prison] because it's not fair. I just feel they did this to her. They destroyed her life."** Spencer

"They found out she had been raped," Jones said. "You could look at the child, she didn't have no life in her eyes or nothing."

Henderson's mother, Veronica Spencer, 42, said DHS removed her from her custody as an infant because of her marijuana use, but she believes she endured worse abuse after being removed from the home.

"Malika doesn't know anything but being beaten from before she was grown," Spencer said.

A DHS spokesperson said they can neither confirm nor deny whether a specific minor was in its custody and did not respond to further requests for comment.

Antoinette Bowens testified at last week's hearing that on Dec. 21 she saw Henderson stab Andre Monroe, 40, with a shard of glass, and then kick him in the stab wound. Bowens said that after being arrested, she was laughing to herself in the back of a police car. Henderson's next court date is March 5.

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**Pressing charges**

**Malika Henderson is charged with first-degree murder and possessing an instrument of crime with criminal intent — in this case, a shard of glass.**

- She was placed by a social work agency specializing in mental health issues into a rooming house where Monroe resided.
- Prosecutors at the hearing said she confessed to the killing, but no confession was entered into evidence.
- Defense attorneys criticized the case because Henderson was never identified in a lineup.

**Top 3**

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**Local tweet**

**"How did I get sunburnt today? Standard."**

Just because its cold doesn't mean it's not sunny, @dmcl20.

## Receiving the presidential treatment

**Mike and Rachel Petery posed with the "OG" — George Washington — at the National Constitution Center on Presidents Day.** / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

## Disrobed. Two officers assaulted in hospital by a naked suspect

A 38-year-old man assaulted two Philadelphia Police officers and then ran naked through the hallways of Jefferson University Hospital Monday in an attempt to escape while undergoing a medical procedure, police said.

Just after midnight, Dwayne Walker, who was arrested Saturday for allegedly stabbing a 15-year-old man in the face, shoulder and hand in Tioga, was released from his handcuffs to undergo an operation on his hand, police said.

After the handcuffs were off, Walker reached for one officer's gun, but failed. He then struggled with the officers, jetted out of the hospital room and shed his clothes as he ran, police said.

Responding officers used a stun gun to get Walker under control, police said.

The two cops were treated for head injuries, police said.

Walker faces new charges, including disarming a law enforcement officer, escape and resisting arrest. METRO

**What's 'warm'?**

## 'Warming trend' expected this week

Finally, there's some good weather news.

Despite how much snow falls on Philly Monday night, there may be changes coming. Forecasters predict warmer temperatures are on the way.

Temperatures are expected to rise into the low- to mid-50s by the end of this week, according to the National Weather Service. METRO

## Nice time for a roll around the rink

Couples, parents and friends enjoyed a clear afternoon Monday as they frolicked, tumbled and fell at the RiverRink on Penn's Landing. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

# PSU named Eric Barron as its next president

**Nittany Lion.**
The former dean of Penn State returns to assume role as university president.

Pennsylvania State University announced Monday its next president.

And he's a Seminole.

Eric Barron, 62, who in all fairness worked at Penn State for more than 20 years, left his role as president of Florida State University to become the 18th president of the Keystone State's largest university.

Barron, who served as dean of Penn State's College of Earth and Mineral Sciences from 2002 to 2006, is tasked with leading the university out from underneath the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

"What I see is an institution that has really taken control of compliance," Barron said during a news conference Monday, "and is no doubt now a model university that I think a lot of other universities are going to look at and say this is the way we should be operating to make sure that we're doing all the things the right way."

Barron will make an annual salary of $800,000. He receives a $1 million bonus after five years. He starts on May 12.

Eric Barron / PSU

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Robbery

### Two men shot, robbed in Kensington

A double shooting was reported around 1:30 a.m. Monday at Frankford and Castor avenues in Kensington, reports say.

An armed gunman approached two men who were standing outside a Chinese takeout restaurant and demanded money.

After the men forfeited $40, the gunman shot both men in the neck and fled the scene.

The two victims were brought to Temple University Hospital and are listed in critical condition. METRO

Blaze

### Woman, 98, dies in West Philly fire

A 98-year-old woman died in a fire at her West Philadelphia home on Sunday.

Anna Williams, of Poplar and 58th streets, was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m. METRO

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# Terminally ill DelCo boy to get hero's welcome

**Brayden's Buddies.** Brayden Chandler and his family will get a special ride to their Springfield home.

A 3-year-old Delaware County boy and his family will be escorted from Philadelphia International Airport to their Springfield home Tuesday afternoon shortly after returning from a family trip to Walt Disney World, reports say.

All intended to help comfort Brayden Chandler, who's dying from cancer.

Doctors found a tumor on Brayden's kidney in January 2013. After a 13-month fight, doctors said there was nothing else they could do. They suggested Brayden's parents enjoy the last few months with their son instead of continuing treatment.

So the Make-A-Wish Foundation sent the Chandler's to Orlando, and today, several county police departments will greet the family at the airport and take them on a whimsical journey back to their home, according to the Daily News.

Authorities told the newspaper it was just a small token offered in support of a heartbroken family.

In a message posted on Feb. 5 to their son's Facebook page, Brayden's Buddies, Brayden's parents announced their son was terminally ill.

"It breaks my heart to watch our child go through this," the note read. "Never in a million years did I think this would happen. Childhood cancer is cruel and no one should ever have go through this pain that our family has endured.

"Brayden is a true fighter," they wrote. "And I am proud he is our son."

**Quoted**

**"Please keep our little guy in your thoughts and prayers and hug your little ones often because we never know what tomorrow brings."**

Brayden's parents

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**Fraud**

## Four people arrested in TD Bank scam

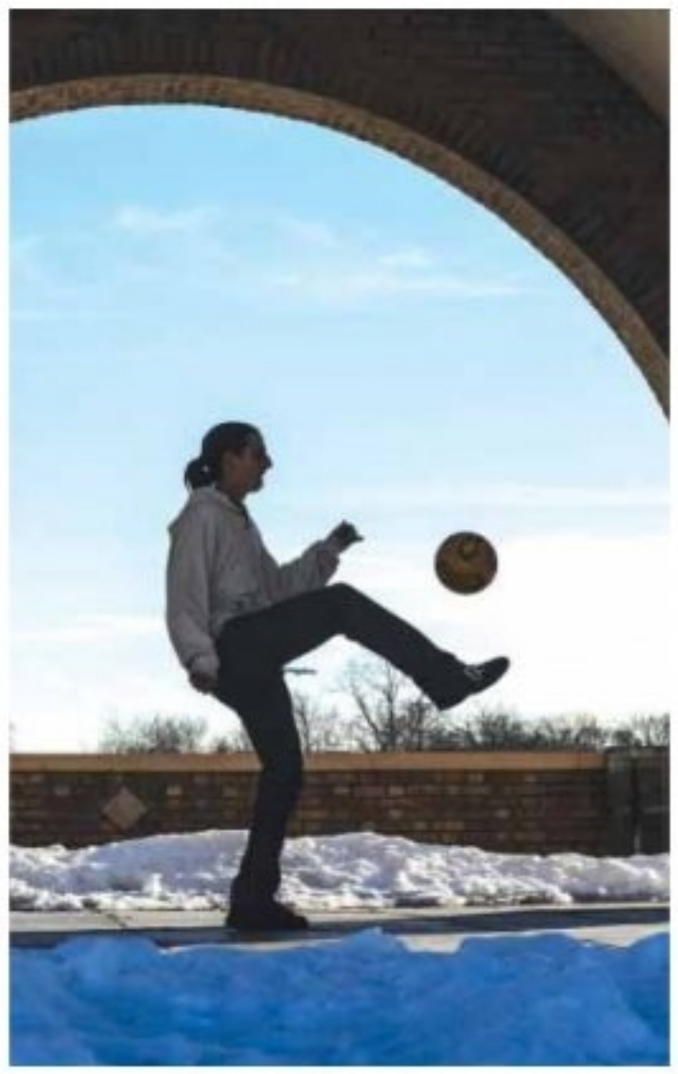
Police arrested four suspects in connection with a widespread bank fraud that netted about $10,000 in illegal profits.

Police say Shahidah Tiherra Felder, 29, opened seven TD Bank checking accounts and deposited bad checks in the accounts to fraudulently inflate their balances before the checks bounced.

Felder and her associates planned to make withdrawals and purchases using newly issued debit cards for these accounts, police said.

Police arrested Felder on Monday, along with Nyisha Sheppard, Dominique Charles and Marcus Williams.

All face theft and fraud charges. METRO



## Get your kicks in now

South Philadelphia resident Max Catudal practiced his soccer skills under the arches at FDR park on Monday, ahead of another snowstorm forecast for the region on Monday night. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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## Birth. Number of test-tube babies born in US hits record high

More test-tube babies were born in the United States in 2012 than ever before, and they constituted a higher percentage of total births than at any time since the technology was introduced in the 1980s, according to a report released on Monday.

The annual report was from the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology, an organization of medical professionals.

SART's 379 member clinics, which represent more than 90 percent of the infertility clinics in the country, reported that in 2012 they performed 165,172 procedures involving in vitro fertilization. REUTERS

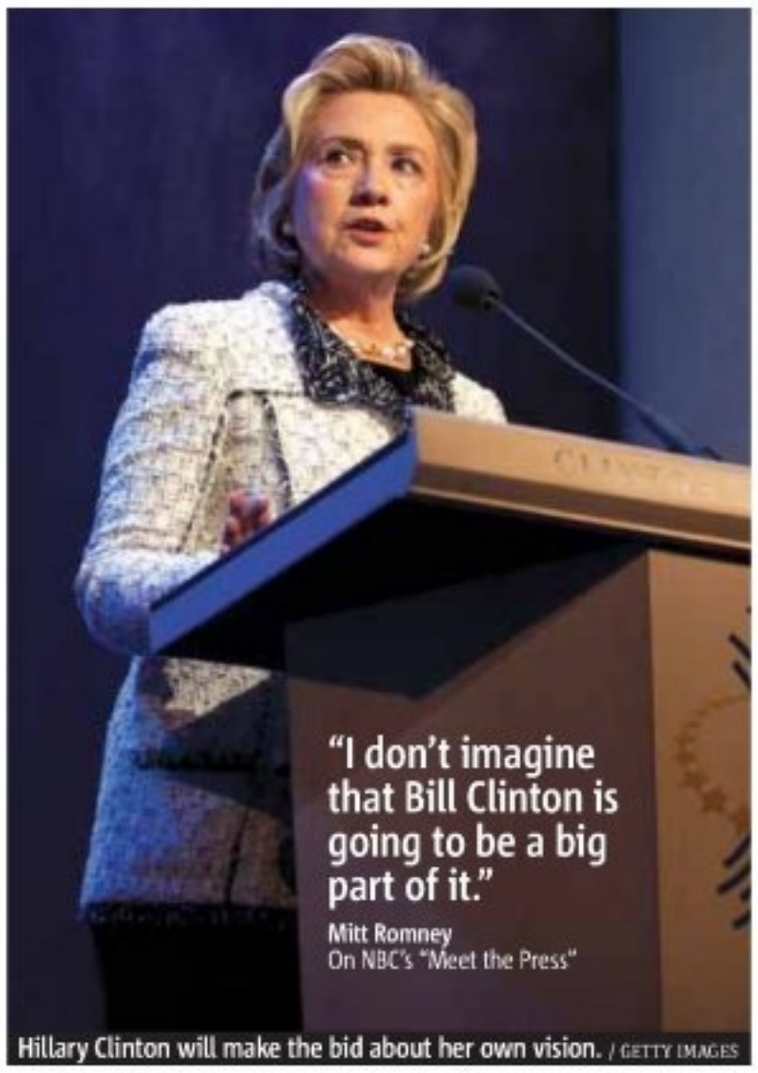
Streaming sounds

### Spotify seeks to hire filings expert

Online music streaming service Spotify is recruiting a U.S. financial reporting specialist, adding to speculation that the Swedish start-up is preparing for a share listing, which one banker said could value the firm at as much as $8 billion.

Meeting U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission standards for filing financial disclosures is essential for any firm planning to go public, and bankers and lawyers said they inferred from the job ad that the company is getting ready for an initial public share offering, possibly next year. REUTERS

# Romney expects Clinton to run on her own record



Hillary Clinton will make the bid about her own vision. / GETTY IMAGES

**White House.** Romney said he does not see Bill being much of a factor in Hillary's possible bid.

Failed 2012 U.S. Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said on Sunday he expects Hillary Clinton to win or lose the White House on her record, not that of her husband, former Democratic President Bill Clinton and his sexual indiscretions.

"Hillary, if she becomes the nominee, will have plenty to discuss about her own record," he said. That includes four years as U.S. secretary of state and twice being elected to the U.S. Senate from New York.

Republican Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, a Tea Party favorite and potential 2016 White House contender, recently began referring to Bill Clinton as a "sexual predator" for his extramarital affairs, including one with White House intern Monica Lewinski.

Paul has not said that Bill Clinton's past reflected on his wife's ability to run the country but has raised it as an issue to consider.

Romney said Bill Clinton's affair with Lewinski "embarrassed the country."

"But I don't think that is Hillary Clinton's to explain," Romney said. "She has her own record, her own vision to where she would take the country."

Romney said he will not run for the White House again. He also lost a bid to win his party's 2008 nomination to Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona. REUTERS

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The Ethiopian Airlines plane was seized by 31-year-old co-pilot who is of Ethiopian origin. / GETTY IMAGES

# Co-pilot hijacks Ethiopian plane, exits cockpit by rope

**Flight ET702.** It departed from Addis Ababa on Sunday evening and was bound for Rome.

A co-pilot who hijacked an Ethiopian Airlines flight to seek asylum in Switzerland on Monday surrendered to police at Geneva airport after jumping out of a cockpit window and scrambling down an emergency rope.

The airliner's second-in-command, named by Ethiopia as Hailemedhin Abera Tegegn, 31, took control of the plane when the pilot left the cockpit to use the bathroom. He then sent a coded signal announcing he had hijacked his own aircraft.

With the airliner on the tarmac, an unarmed Hailemedhin made his exit via a cockpit window, without harming passengers or crew, police spokesman Pierre Grangean told a news conference.

The airliner could later be seen with a knotted yellow rope dangling from an open cockpit window. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"Just after landing, the co-pilot came out of the cockpit and ran to the police and said, 'I'm the hijacker.' He said he is not safe in his own country and wants asylum."** Grangean

**Kim may face charges**

## UN: North Korea crimes evoke Nazi era

North Korean security chiefs and possibly even Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un himself should face international justice for ordering systematic torture, starvation and killings comparable to Nazi-era atrocities, U.N. investigators said on Monday.

The investigators told Kim in a letter they were advising the United Nations to refer North Korea to the International Criminal Court, to make sure any culprits "including possibly yourself" were held accountable.

The unprecedented public rebuke and warning to a head of state by a U.N. inquiry is likely to further antagonize Kim and complicate efforts to persuade him to rein in his isolated country's nuclear weapons program and belligerent confrontations with South Korea and the West.

KIM JONG-UN
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North Korea "categorically and totally" rejected the accusations set out in a 372-page report, saying they were based on material faked by hostile forces backed by the United States, the European Union and Japan.

Michael Kirby, chairman of the U.N. Commission of Inquiry, said he expected his group's findings to "galvanize action on the part of the international community."

"These are not the occasional wrongs that can be done by officials everywhere in the world, they are wrongs against humanity, they are wrongs that shock the consciousness of humanity," Kirby said. REUTERS

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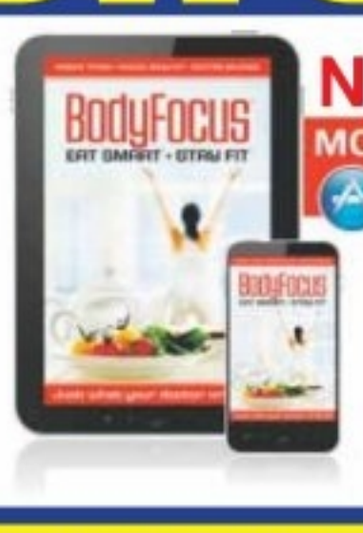

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Blog chat

## China says Kerry's call for Web freedom is naive

China criticized U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday for his "naive" call for more Internet freedom in the country, and wondered why his discussion with Chinese bloggers had not touched upon Edward Snowden.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said outsiders had no right to pass judgment and misunderstood the real situation. REUTERS

Minutes

**40**

During an approximately 40-minute chat with bloggers in Beijing on Saturday, Kerry expressed his support for online freedom in China, as well as for human rights in general.

Peace talks

## Kerry to meet Palestinians' Abbas in Paris on Wednesday

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Paris on Wednesday, the State Department said, as he seeks to nudge Israel and the Palestinians toward a peace deal by the end of April.

U.S.-brokered talks between the two sides have made little visible progress since they resumed in July after a three-year hiatus with a goal of reaching an agreement within nine months.

"Secretary Kerry will meet with Palestinian Authority President Abbas in Paris, France on Wednesday to discuss the ongoing negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in Abu Dhabi. REUTERS

# Syria peace failure spurs US-Russia recriminations

**Peace.** Obama said on Friday he was considering new ways to pressure Assad, but gave no details.

A rebel fighter aims a rocket launcher at pro-regime fighters during clashes in Aleppo. / GETTY IMAGES

The United States accused Damascus on Monday of paralyzing Geneva peace negotiations, while Russia denied that and said nations backing Syrian rebels were leaning toward trying to end the civil war on the battlefield rather than in talks.

A second round of talks in Geneva broke up on Saturday with chief mediator Lakhdar Brahimi lamenting a failure to advance much beyond agreement on an agenda for a third round later.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said President Bashar al-Assad's government was behind the impasse, aided and abetted by Russia and other allies of Damascus.

Quoted

**"Russia is always being urged to make more of an effort to resolve the Syrian conflict."**

Sergei Lavrov, foreign minister

"The regime stonewalled. They did nothing except continue to drop barrel bombs on their own people and continue to destroy their own country. And I regret to say they are doing so with increased support from Iran, from Hezbollah and from Russia," he said in Jakarta during a trip to Asia and the Middle East.

Kerry appeared to be trying to tighten diplomatic pressure on Assad to reach a political settlement that would end government attacks on rebel-held areas and relieve the plight of tens of thousands of Syrians cut off from humanitarian aid. REUTERS

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# Detained. Transgender ex-member of Italy assembly held in Sochi

A transgender former member of Italy's parliament said on Monday she had been detained by Russian police for about three hours for trying to stage a gay rights protest at the Winter Olympics.

Vladimir Luxuria told Reuters she was led away by two men in plain clothes on Sunday when she held up a sign saying "Gay is OK" in Russian in the Olympic Park in Sochi, and was released in the early hours of Monday.

Luxuria said she had been protesting against a law signed by President Vladimir Putin last year banning the spread of "gay propaganda" among minors. Critics say it discriminates against gays and that it has fueled violence against homosexuals.

"I think it is important ... (to have) the opportunity to talk internationally about these things because otherwise these things happen in Russia and nobody knows, nobody cares," Luxuria said after stepping off the stage at a gay cabaret bar in Sochi.

"They think: 'Well, it's not in our country, it's far away, it's in Russia, who cares?'"

She said she had been treated with respect while in detention but was told by the police that she could not promote pro-gay slogans in public. **REUTERS**

VLADIMIR LUXURIA

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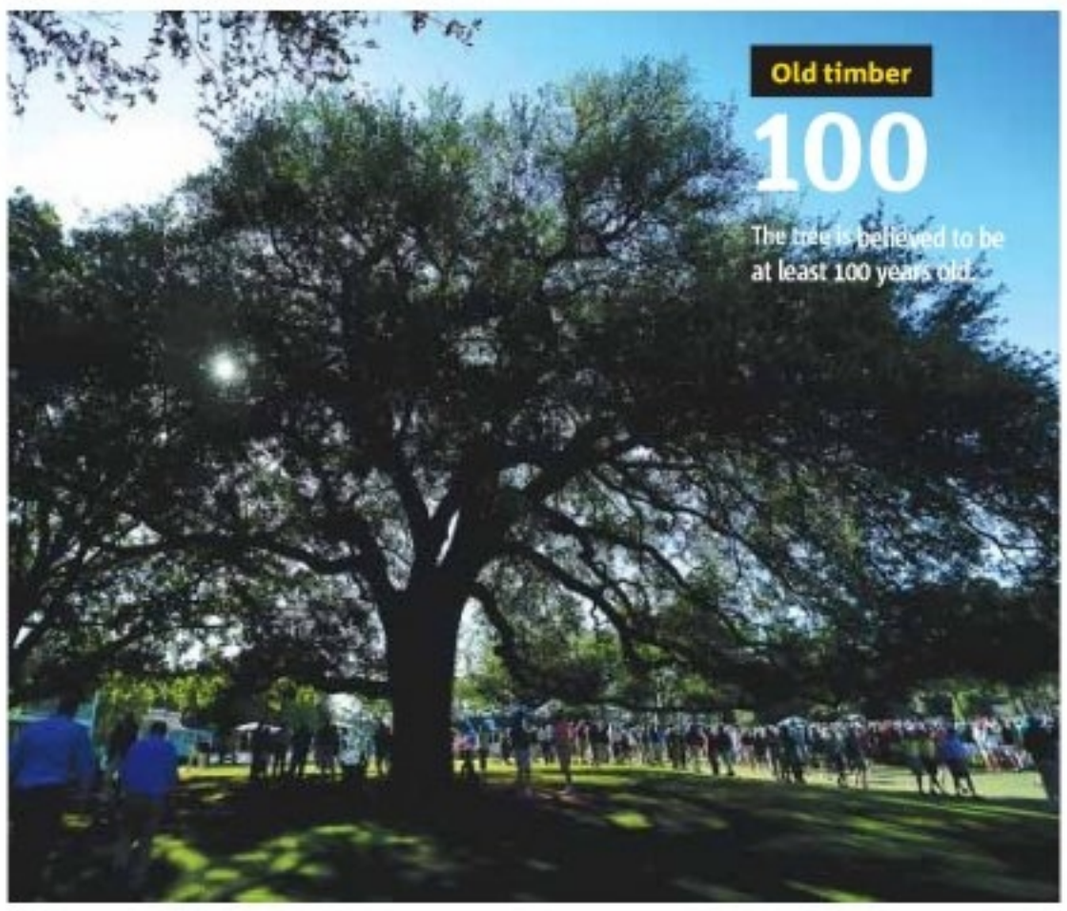


## Augusta's iconic Eisenhower Tree victim of winter storm in the South

Augusta National's famed Eisenhower Tree, an iconic image at the Masters tournament, survived an attempt by the former U.S. president to have it chopped down but it could not survive a severe winter storm. The loblolly pine had to be removed from its position on the 17th fairway after being damaged by an ice storm that swept through the Masters venue in Augusta, Ga., last week. "The loss of the Eisenhower Tree is difficult to accept," Augusta National and Masters chairman Billy Payne said in a statement on Sunday. "We obtained opinions from the best arborists available and, unfortunately, were advised that no recovery was possible." **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES

'Look up'

## Crocodiles can climb trees: Researchers

Most people entering crocodile territory keep a wary eye out on water and land, but research suggests they need to look up.

Though the reptiles lack obvious physical features to suggest this is possible, crocodiles in fact climb trees all the way to the crowns, according to University of Tennessee researcher Vladimir Dinets.

Researchers in the climbing study observed crocodiles in Australia, Africa and North America. The study documented crocodiles climbing as high as 6 feet off the ground. But Dinets said he received anecdotal reports from people who spend time around crocodiles of the reptiles climbing almost 30 feet. **REUTERS**


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# Winter Olympics.
# US nabs ice dancing gold, bobsled bronze

**1** The U.S. picked up its first-ever ice dancing gold thanks to a dominant performance by Michigan natives **Meryl Davis** and **Charlie White**. The pair had the lead ahead of defending gold medalists Canada Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue in the short dance, but extended it with a world record in Monday's free dance.

**2** The U.S. two-man bobsled team made some history of its own, with driver **Steven Holcomb** and **Steven Langton** taking a bronze for the country's first medal in the event in 62 years.

**3** It was a bad day in men's aerials for China's **Wu Chao** but not for Belarusian **Anton Kushnir**, who landed a back-double full-full-double full (that's three backflips and five twists) to give his country a sweep in men's and women's aerials.

**4** The U.S. men's hockey team has a ride into the quarterfinals, but the U.S. women are already through to a finals showdown with archrival Canada, thanks to **Megan Bozek**'s goal, among others, in a 6-1 win over Sweden.

**5** It was a great day for Belarus as **Darya Domracheva** won her third gold of the games in women's biathlon 12.5-kilometer mass start.

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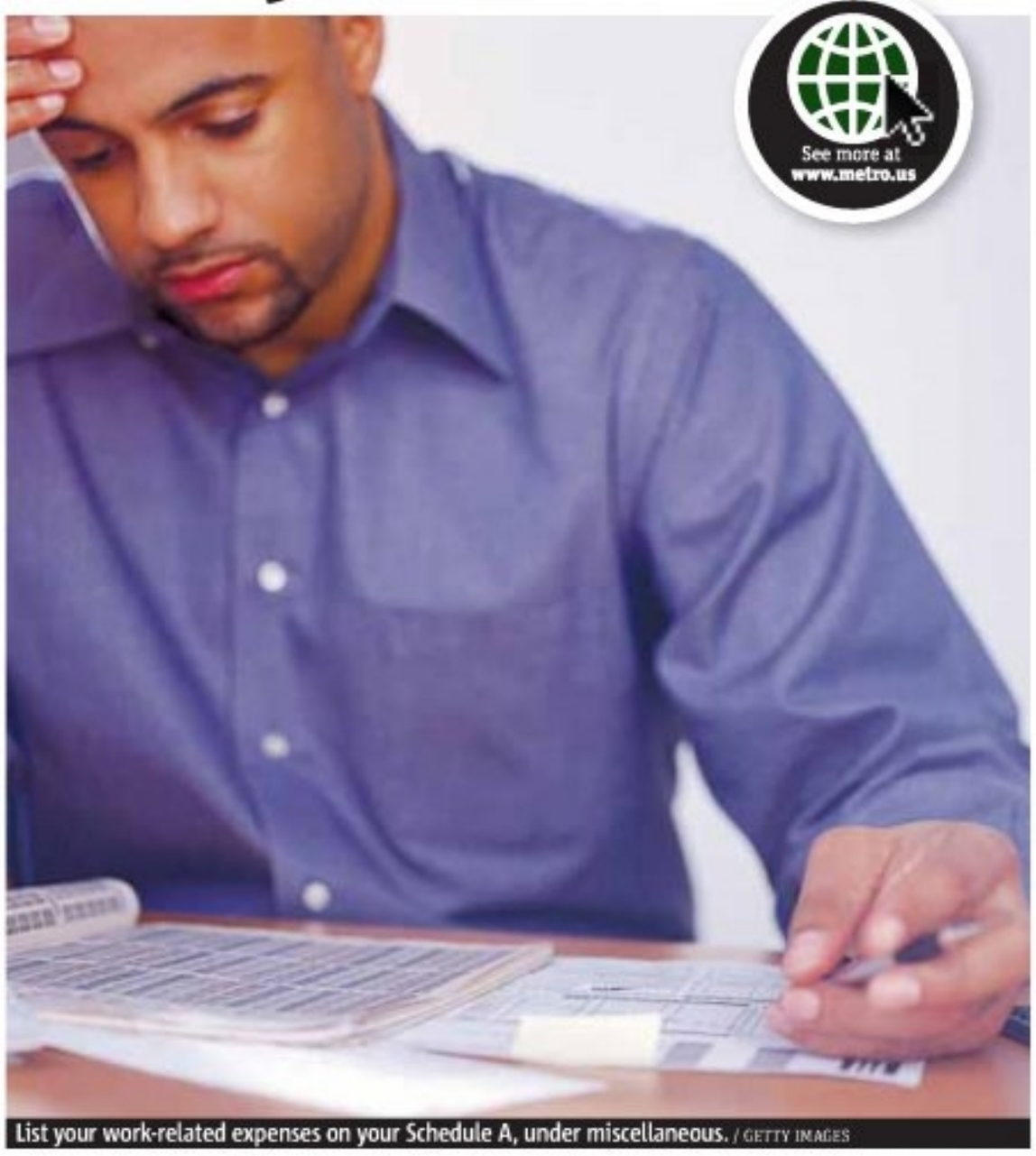
# How to get more back on your taxes

**Money.** Julius Green, a tax practice leader at ParenteBeard accounting firm gives tips on what to keep in mind when filing.




List your work-related expenses on your Schedule A, under miscellaneous. / GETTY IMAGES

Doing your own taxes could mean missing out on hidden deductions. Julius Green, a tax practice leader at accounting firm ParenteBeard, gives tips on what to keep in mind when filing so you can get the most money back.

## Energy credits

The government is rewarding people making a conscious effort to live more environmentally friendly. "You can get a credit for certain energy-efficient improvements in your home, which are listed," says Green. "If you have energy-efficient furnaces, solar panels or water heaters, you can get a credit." Unfortunately, taking public transportation to work or carpooling doesn't count as helping the environment as far as your taxes are concerned. "Commuting expenses are never deductible," Green explains.

## Charitable contributions

"People are usually aware of their charitable contributions and remember to deduct those, but they often don't know that any money you spent while volunteering is deductible, too," says Green. "For example, if you use your own personal vehicle driving around doing things for the charity, you can deduct the mileage at 14 cents a mile."

## Medical-related expenses

"On your Schedule A, there's a section for medical-related expenses, which you can deduct as long as you are over a certain threshold," explains Green. If you don't have insurance or underwent an expensive medical treatment, this is one way to get money back.

## Teaching deductions

If you're a teacher and spent any of your own money on classroom decorations, supplies or other school-related expenses, Green says they are deductible up to $250. You don't have even have to complete a Schedule A for itemized deductions to get this benefit.

## College costs

"If the interest on your student loans went up, you are able to deduct that, based on your income," says Green. Also, if parents have a 529 Plan, saving for their kids' college, remember that they are tax-free contributions for federal taxes and are generally deductible for state tax purposes when contributed, although there are limits, which varies state to state.

If all of this still sounds too complicated to do on your own, don't think you can't afford to hire a professional to prepare your tax return for you. As Green points out: That's deductible, too.

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**Need to know**

### Work-related expenses

"If you had a job-related move, you can certainly deduct moving expenses," Green says. Besides moving, any other expenses related to your job that you weren't reimbursed for are deductible too. "For example, let's say you bought a computer. If you are able to reasonably argue that you use your computer 50 percent for personal use and 50 percent for work-related reasons, then you can deduct 50 percent of the cost of your computer," he says.

The same applies to your phone bill. Green says to take a monthly bill typical of your year-round usage and highlight the work-related expenses. If your job requires tools that you bought and weren't reimbursed for, you can list those as well.

**What about student loans?**

**"If the interest on your student loans went up, you are able to deduct that, based on your income."**

**Julius Green,** tax practice leader at ParenteBeard

# Get an A+ on your taxes

**Paperwork.** That 800-page doorstop of a textbook seemed tough until you did your taxes.

In theory, a college student's tax return shouldn't be too difficult to file. Chances are many students aren't making enough money to require filing — or if they do, the return is pretty simple. But what if you're a college student and you're overlooking something?

There might be items you can claim to increase your return, or you may be overlooking payment you need to file with the IRS. We spoke to a few experts to garner sound advice for college students filing their taxes. Remember that April 15 is coming no matter how much you try to avoid it.

"Just because you don't have to pay taxes for another [few] months doesn't mean that the dreaded day will not come," explains Jonathan Barsade, CEO of the sales tax record keeping and compliance company, Exactor. Barsade is also a former tax attorney at Akin Gump, an international law firm. "Ben Franklin forewarned us of the certainty of taxes. Don't wait until it comes to bite. With some basic preparation, you can avoid the unpleasantness associated with late filings, under-reporting and underpaying."

Ken Yoder is a tax manager at accounting firm ParenteBeard. He reminds us there are areas of income students overlook.

"It's important to remember any savings accounts or stocks they might have," says Yoder. "Most likely they could be getting interest from their savings and dividends from stocks." Yoder also tells us to make sure someone is claiming the tuition credit. "Parents usually take the tuition deduction, but just make sure that someone — student or parent — takes it. [The credit] is a nice help nowadays."

Yoder also says there are different ways to file your taxes, but for most college students it shouldn't require a professional.

"There are free ways to file a simple return," says Yoder. "IRS.gov has options, as well as most software vendors, like Turbo Tax. Once you get into whether or not to go to an H&R Block or something like that is when it gets more complicated — if you're selling a lot of stock, for instance, or if you're fortunate enough to be a beneficiary of a trust."

But if you're looking at a basic W2 form, filing shouldn't be too tough. We never said it'd be fun, though.

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Making things easy

## Filing online

"In many instances, college students are doing their taxes for the first time on their own," says Mark Grace, VP, Global Consumer, Asia Pacific and Latin America of Absolute Software. "Making taxes even more efficient, some of the solutions now allow for easy mobile uploads of important documents. However, this is where students must take extra precaution: It is important for students to know early on in their adult life the risks associated with financial data."

Taxes may be something you can do yourself. / COLOURBOX

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Study notes

Rutgers University offers a class called "Politicizing Beyonce." / GETTY IMAGES

## Channeling Sasha Fierce

"Politicizing Beyonce" is among the newest courses offered by the department of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University. Its teacher, Kevin Allred, told Rutgers Today, "This isn't a course about Beyonce's political engagement or how many times she performed during President Obama's inauguration weekend."

It is, however, focusing on how she pushes boundaries. Students will contrast her videos and lyrics with work from the Black Feminist movement and discuss whether or not her scantily clad performances are empowering or stereotypical. Not to be outdone by his wife, Jay Z gets his own class, too. Georgetown University teaches "The Sociology of Hip-Hop: The Urban Theodicy of Jay Z."

A new study reveals racial profiling at traffic stops.
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## Traffic stop study reveals discrimination

As the saying goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Experts from Northeastern University's Institute on Race and Justice discovered racial discrimination in almost 154,000 Rhode Island traffic stops made by 39 police officers in 2013. After reviewing traffic stops between last January and September, they concluded similar findings to state patterns in a similar 2004 to 2005 study.

Results showed minorities are more likely than whites to get pulled over and that they're more likely to get a ticket. Researchers also compared drivers' races to the racial diversity of the town where they were stopped and revealed a lopsided rate.

## Got sodium?

Thanks to a recent study, you may want to think again before dining out. Drexel University researchers examined nutritional values of menus in the Philadelphia region at chain restaurants such as Chili's, Applebee's and Denny's. They discovered an average meal was equivalent to an entire day's worth of saturated fat and sodium.

Most adults need to consume 2,000 calories per day and less than 2,300 milligrams of sodium and 20 grams of saturated fat. Based on an entree, side dish and half portion of an appetizer, their findings reflected approximately 1,500 calories, 3,500 milligrams of sodium and 28 grams of saturated fat. The authors recommended that restaurants display nutritional values on menus, because consumers tend to rely on the information when ordering.

VICKI SALEMI

# Welcoming everyone in

Some colleges have started allowing genders to mix in on-campus housing. / PHOTODISC

**LGBT.** Coed housing is one thing, but some schools are taking the extra step of providing gender-neutral living spaces.

Colleges across the nation are starting to provide the option of gender-neutral housing on campus. While coed housing is nothing new, this concept is different because it recognizes people who don't identify as their biological sex. While you may think that this is only happening at liberal arts schools, the truth is that it's becoming more and more common, and it's making for better campus living.

James Smith, associate director for residence life at the University of California, Riverside, says it was the students' idea to have gender-neutral living spaces. "In 2004, members from housing and the LGBT resource center came together with a group of students to initiate gender-inclusive housing," he explains. By the fall of 2005, gender-inclusive housing was an option for UCR students.

"The positive items that we have heard include things from a 'more inclusive community' to 'building a community of care and understanding,'" says Smith.

He admits that not many students have chosen to participate, but that's not what matters. "We do not generally see huge numbers of people who request this community, but the goal is not to have numbers but to provide the community an option for those who wish to choose it."

One student at Goucher College — which has gender-neutral housing — points out the benefit of simplicity that comes with this living option. "It's more economical," says Katie Kirk, a sophomore at Goucher. "If there were an imbalance of gender, then there would be a possibility of empty rooms for one, and/or not having enough rooms for the other."

But Kirk sees benefits beyond filling rooms. "I believe that we're all equal and expected to act as adults," she says. "With that in mind, I believe it's important that we get to make our own decisions about where we live and who we live with, regardless of gender. By providing this housing option, I feel as if Goucher trusts our judgment and gives us the chance to act responsibly."

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Housing

## Gender-blind dorms at Marlboro College

Marlboro College in Vermont provides what it calls "gender-blind dorms." Because of the school's small size — about 250 students — Director of Housing Jodi Clark is able to work with students on a case-by-case basis.

"If a student expresses that they would like to live with someone of a differing gender identity than theirs, I work with that student and their potential roommate to ensure that it is going to be a good fit," explains Clark. "We currently have a roommate pair that was paired over the summer: one who is female-to-male transgendered, and one who identifies as gender queer, using the pronouns 'they,' 'them' and 'their.' They have been very satisfied with their placement."


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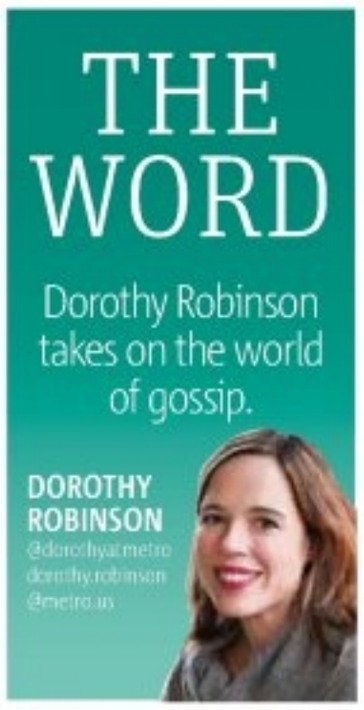


The BAFTA's, England's version of the Oscars (but with more class, because they are British), went off without a hitch on Sunday night in London at the Royal Opera House. Here's what happened:

• **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt** were the most photographed couple of the night when Jolie went Lady Sybil from "Downton Abbey" on everyone's ass by wearing — gasp! — pants. The tux, by Saint Laurent by Hedi Slimane, was expertly tailored, while Pitt wore an almost-matching one by Valentino. Pitt, a producer on the film "12 Years a Slave," later jumped up onstage to accept the Best Film prize.

• "12 Years a Slave" had another big win — star **Chiwetel Ejiofor** took home an award for Best Actor. However, **Jennifer Lawrence** beat out the film's favorite, **Lupita Nyong'o,** for Best Supporting Actress, leaving the Oscar race tighter than ever. Lawrence wasn't there, so her director, **David O. Russell,** accepted it for her, thus making us miss out on a thousand morning-after Jennifer Lawrence face GIFs.

• **Cate Blanchett** dedicated her award for Best Actress to **Philip Seymour Hoffman**. "I would like to dedicate this to an actor who has been a continual, profound touchstone for me, a monumental presence who is now so sadly in absence: the late, great Philip Seymour Hoffman," Blanchett said when she accepted the award. "You raised the bar continually. Phil, buddy, this is for you, you bastard. Hope you're proud."

Blanchett looks to be practically unstoppable in the Best Actress Oscar race at this point, adding a BAFTA to her long list of trophies for her role in **Woody Allen**'s "Blue Jasmine."

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• What's the point of having an awards show in England if you can't get a royal there? **Prince William** was on hand to give the British Academy fellowship award to **Dame Helen Mirren**. "I wanted to have a hanky in my bag and take it out and spit on it and clean his face," Mirren joked about Prince William (who, for the record, did not have anything on his face).

• **Oprah Winfrey** admitted she was sewn into her Stella McCartney gown in an Instagram video posted shortly before the ceremony. Oprah, who was nominated for her supporting actress role in "Lee Daniels' The Butler," later partied it up with **Michael Fassbender** and **Emma Thompson**, once again proving her life is eternally fabulous. "Party over here! With Michael Fassbender and Emma Thompson. #BAFTAs," she wrote on the Instagram photo.

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Oprah with Fassbender and Thompson. INSTAGRAM

## Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jaden Smith is here for you, Pam Grier is enjoying the Olympics, Samantha Ronson is tired of all the emails and Chris Colfer is feeling a bit lost.

@officialjaden: I'm Here If You Need A Fellow Insane Person To Talk To. But I'm Seriously Here Not Like One Of Those I'm Here For You's That Everybody Says.

@PamGrier: Jamaican Bobsledders, you go! You inspire! Have serious fun.

@samantharonson: Dear Linkedin, No. Not Now. Not Ever. Thank you and Go Away.

@chriscolfer: I hiked 16 miles today. Not because I'm fit, but because hikers give horrible directions.

## Talking points

### Meet Hazel!

Emily Blunt and husband John Krasinski are officially parents, welcoming a baby girl Sunday in Los Angeles. "Wanted to let the news out directly. Emily and I are so incredibly happy to welcome our daughter Hazel into the world today," Krasinski tweeted.

### Swift lost her virginity to Gyllenhaal?

The lyrics to some of the songs on Taylor Swift's last album suggested that her relationship with Jake Gyllenhaal didn't end too well, but apparently we had no idea. A source tells Radar Online that the entire album was inspired by the fallout from their split, with the song "The Moment I Knew" chronicling Swift's disastrous 21st birthday party, at which Gyllenhaal was reportedly a no-show. "He didn't show up and she locked herself in the bathroom and cried the entire night," the source says. "Her breakup with Jake inspired every word of [the album] 'Red.'" So why did this brief romance reportedly hurt more than the others that Swift used as fodder for hit songs? According to the source, Swift had been "saving herself for marriage" but decided to scuttle that plan after three months of dating.

# London Fashion Week: Texturized

Topshop Unique played with texture. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

**Fashion Week diary**

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**Sunday**

**2:54 p.m.**
People seem flustered in a low-blood-sugar way at the Tate Modern where the Topshop Unique show is taking place, which is surprising considering how much food and Champagne is being served. Fashion Week lesson No. 1: Don't listen to what the Skinny Minnies say, always eat the food. And Kate Moss is here! How can that not make a fashion-lover smile? I also spy Kendall Jenner, who has interestingly been seated next to Anna Wintour.

**3:13 p.m.**
Like many of the shows we've seen this season, outerwear rules here. The belted, voluminous blanket coats — which come in blue mohair or patchwork swatches of fur in rust, pink and red — are the clear winners in a highly sellable lineup of coats and jackets for every kind of girl. Sporty? Try the cropped puffer with dolman sleeves. A more polished 9-to-5 type? See the long, lean wool coats with contrasting fur panels in front. These are the looks we'll see real women wearing next September. But the tiny shorts and sheer embellished bodysuits? Not so much. And the bodysuits look derivative, mostly because Rodarte owned that idea last fall. It's with these weaker moments that an otherwise strong collection loses its way. **KENYA HUNT**

**7:20 p.m.**
This is Matthew Williamson's first collection with new head of design Danielle Scutt, and the brand seems to have taken a fresh turn that's clear with the opening look: a duck-egg-blue double-breasted coat, worn with a red and white polka dot blouse and neon yellow lace-up boots. It's a more urban look than anything we've seen from the brand before. The following looks combine Williamson's trademarks (florals that pop, splashy embellishments and bold uses of color) with a new eccentric, pop art sensibility. The embroidered coats with patterns inspired by Turkish rugs feel much more traditionally Williamson, as do the long flowing patterned gowns and the fluffy cropped jackets. There's also plenty of celestial embellishment. The finale look — a sequined black and white gown with an optical illusion print — nails it. Now, which one of his glamorous front row gal pals — which today include Coco Rocha — will wear it first? **CHLOE MAC DONNELL**

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# Wild Cub find maturity in 'Youth'

**Indie.** Keegan DeWitt finds true love and his second wind.

Wild Cub, with Keegan DeWitt, center, play a sold-out show at Johnny Brenda's on Friday. Visit www.johnnybrendas.com for more information. / WILL MORGAN HOLLAND

Most people looking to start a band move to Brooklyn. Keegan DeWitt got the hell out.

The Wild Cub frontman spent eight years there, working as a successful composer for soundtracks. (He wrote the score for "Inocente," which was nominated for an Academy Award in 2013.) Still, he struggled to make ends meet.

"I kept looking around going, 'How in the f— are you guys paying for this?'" he laughs. "Are we all on trust funds, because I know I'm not. How are you doing this? Just hanging out and being in a band?"

So he moved to Nashville: "The music business is changing, and that's one of the places that it's maybe changing in a good way. There's a strong burden of proof, in terms of having to write songs that have content. That's one cool thing. You're getting people that are really experimenting with new ways of making music but, at the same time, understand what it means to tell a narrative."

These days, just hanging out and being in a band is his main job. In Nashville, he hooked up with multi-instrumentalist Jeremy Bullock to form Wild Cub, a synth-pop quintet whose debut, "Youth," marked by balmy beats and uptempo percussion, dropped this year. At 31, DeWitt has developed a mature perspective, but he stresses that "Youth" isn't about nostalgia for what he's done, or what could've been.

"You start to see all the people around you being shaped by ... either getting exactly what they wanted, or not getting what they thought they deserved or wanted in life.

"I was afraid that, through the refinement of growing up, you learn to either close yourself or open up, and that I was going to miss the one thing I was desiring, to meet someone to pair my life with. ... But there's a lot more celebration [in the album] of, 'Wow, somehow I navigated that, and here is this person.'"

**Sewing Wild oats**

## Lost youth?

Having started Wild Cub at 30, after getting married, does DeWitt regret missing the wild years of a young band?

"I feel like the world sees such a brief utterance of my stuff, and then it gets pieced apart and reviewed... You want to be as nuanced and multifaceted as possible, and I'd be more glad if the world captured my 30-year-old self instead of my 20-year-old self — because I look back at pictures and shiver."

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# Poetry that will throw you for a loop

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Nicole Callihan's book, "SuperLoop," comes out Feb. 20. / HILLERY STONE

**Playful prose.** "SuperLoop" poet Nicole Callihan gives us a sneak peek of her new book of poetry and her tips on crafting the perfect poem.

Poetry often gets a bad rep. Poems written by the greats, like Emily Dickinson and Edgar Allan Poe, are often deemed too depressing and somber. But lighthearted poetry about love or the beauty of a quiet snowfall are often

written off as too frilly and not profound enough.

It's rare that someone gets it right, but Nicole Callihan has managed the feat in her new book "SuperLoop." Callihan's poetry juxtaposes the happy and the sad while exploring themes from her childhood.

Capturing the innocence of early life through a grown-up lens, she writes about sweet first kisses and hard realizations. The book's title poem is about a roller coaster, and Callihan is giving Metro readers the first look:

## The SuperLoop

Port-a-potties sit
dumb as ducks in a row
while I fly by
carnival-style-mad
on a three ticket ride
in the Texas sky.
I lose my sandals
on the swings,
give long eyes
to bumper car boys
for a free go around
'til I slam into
unexpectant mothers
who try to smile —
twelve toothed and weary
of no-name cigarettes.

This is the way
the Tilt-a-Whirl ends
not with a smile
but with a *nice ass* whisper.

And a flower-fisted girl
tells me *eatin' armadillos'll make ya vomit*
while her dixie-flag-clad
brother gills my iced tea
and her arch-back daddy
says the *only things in life worth breathing over are women, horses and reincarnation.*

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**Poetry 101**

### Nicole Callihan's tips for crafting the perfect poem

**Get in the right mindset:** "Take a walk. Drink something warm. Curse at winter. Nurse the hangover or the sick parent or the baby. Shuttle the kids off to school. Do whatever it takes to clear the mind."

**On what mood you should be in:** "For me, it's just the feeling that matters. As long as I'm actively feeling and not wandering around with my thumb on my iPhone and head in the clouds, I find I have access to poems."

**On formatting and prose:** "Listen to the breath; it rarely leads you astray. Let the lines fall where they may."

**What a poem should accomplish:** "Some poems are ding-dongs; some are foie gras. A poem should be exactly what it is. It should be and be and be."

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# Uncovering Meryl Streep

**Modesty.** A new book by film critic Karina Longworth dives deep into the beloved actress's body of work.

The daily prose of film critic Karina Longworth tend to focus on the outsiders: tiny independent films and little-known cult figures. But her books tackle the titans. With "Meryl Streep: Anatomy of an Actor," Longworth takes an in-depth look at 10 titles from the legendary performer's career, from "The Deer Hunter" to "The Iron Lady." What emerges is a fresh look at someone whose career has been, in a sense, a long con: By playing modest, Streep has been able to survive and thrive.

**Why Meryl Streep?**
To be honest, I didn't want to write this book. I thought that everything that you could say about her had been said, that everything had been written and there was nothing for me to add. So I started doing just enough research to make an argument as to why I didn't want to do it. And in doing that I realized just how little had been written about her in terms of the whole arc of her career. I always thought of her as the mom of Hollywood. In writing the book, I realized how wrong I had been about her.

**You talk about how she brings a feminist perspective to "The Deer Hunter" and "Kramer Vs. Kramer," two films that aren't very feminist.**
["Kramer Vs. Kramer"] is a movie that's banging the drum for "Reagan America." It feels so early '80s. It's part of a propaganda wave. [Her character] has one chance to tell her side of the story, which is the courtroom scene, and it's real powerful. I didn't know before I wrote the book that she had been asked to write that scene herself, because everybody was like, "We have no idea what a woman would think about in that situation." Robert Benton [the director] basically admitted his inability to take on a female perspective.

**And that happens in "Out of Africa" as well.**
One thing that came up a couple of times when I was doing this was guys like Benton and [director] Sydney Pollack saying, "I'm a feminist, I absolutely believe in rights for women," and then they would do things that would belie that claim. They would make movies that are incredibly paternalistic in their perspective. It's not like these guys are doing it because they're bad. They don't understand how belligerent their own perspective is. A lot of that is generational and cultural. Some of it is a lack of self-awareness.

Karina Longworth is a film critic whose latest book is "Meryl Streep: Anatomy of an Actor." / RIAN JOHNSON

**You dig up a lot of quotes from her over her entire career, and she's unfailingly modest.**
A lot of her public persona is "nothing to see here, I'm just a mom of five kids, there's nothing magical going on." It's a way for her to protect her business, and her aggression of knowing what she wants to be and how she's going to do it. And she swears a lot.

**Being versatile**

## Funny bones

**One of the arcs in the book is how Streep went from a very serious, very prestigious actress of serious fare to someone who could finally be funny.**
There were magazine editorials with headlines like, "Will Meryl Streep ever lighten up?" There was this sense in the Hollywood trades that she had been overpraised, that she still couldn't open a movie. She does "lighten up" in the late '80s and early '90s where she made a series of comedies, like "She-Devil," "Death Becomes Her," "Heartburn," "Postcards From the Edge" and "Defending Your Life." But almost all of those are incredibly acerbic about women's roles. "Death Becomes Her" is a satire of how ghoulish the film industry is when it comes to aging women. So she's lightening up but in a way that makes people incredibly uncomfortable.

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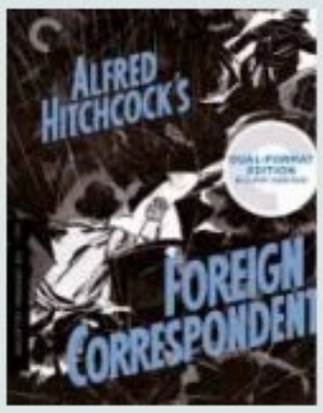
## 'Foreign Correspondent'

Alfred Hitchcock's first film in America was, for him, a most atypical production: the serious Best Picture winner "Rebecca." His second was more his speed, with Joel McCrea's newspaper editor foiling an espionage plot in the early days of WWII. Yes, journos can be heroes, too.




## 'The Counselor': Unrated Extended Cut

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Like his "Blade Runner" more than 30 years ago, Ridley Scott's latest, "The Counselor," was a bomb and critical whipping post that received a longer cut on home video. Unlike with "Blade Runner"'s "director's cut," "The Counselor" got one that doesn't radically alter the content. It's still a series of erudite conversations running over a half-comprehensible drug plot. Even with 20 minutes more, we still don't know what exactly befalls the titular lawyer (Michael Fassbender) and accomplices. Given more air, this version simply flows better (and features even more dirty pillow talk).

What this new version really is, is a second chance for an unfairly hated bomb. Written by Cormac McCarthy, "The Counselor" is, to put it mildly, not for everyone, especially because it's the purest distillation of the author's novels to film. "No Country for Old Men" reads like watching the Coen brothers' film. Knowing that there's no way to translate his dense prose into images, McCarthy frontloads language. He uses endless, sometimes tangent-heavy dialogue to put you in the characters' shoes. Like Fassbender and company, you're distracted from what's really going on and underestimate how bad things will get.

This is McCarthy's reductio ad absurdum of the beliefs running through his work: that we think we can outsmart death, but can't. "The Counselor" won't gain many fans, but those who come around will lap it up as one of the darkest movies a major studio ever thought would be a big hit.

Javier Bardem (with funny hair) and Cameron Diaz (with leopard spot tattoos) star in the Cormac McCarthy movie "The Counselor." / KERRY BROWN

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Also out

## 'Darkman'

Liam Neeson is now an action star in his 60s, as opposed to in his 30s when he was headlining — behind much makeup — Sam Raimi's giddy, 1990 twist on the superhero pic.

## 'Afternoon Delight'

The great Kathryn Hahn gives a great performance in this dramedy about a housewife who finds herself housing a stripper (Juno Temple). Too bad it gets terrible in the back stretch, but Hahn remains a keeper.

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# ‘RoboCop’ gets busted by a bunch of toys

**Box office.** Legos beat android police officers during this long holiday weekend.

Chris Pratt’s plastic figure is really happy you’re still seeing “The Lego Movie.” / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Many critics said it was a bad idea — that to remake “RoboCop,” the ultra-violent 1987 Paul Verhoeven classic about an android police officer, was playing with fire. And it turns out they were right. The new, expensive remake failed to topple last week’s box office winner, “The Lego Movie,” from the top of the charts.

Over the four-day Presidents Day weekend, the toy toon — a critical and commercial hit based on a line of interlocking plastic bricks — fell only 8 percent from last weekend, adding another $63.5 million to its haul. The film has now grossed $143.8 million, with more to come.

**Top 5 earners**

1. ‘The Lego Movie’ $63.5 million
2. ‘About Last Night’ $28.5 million
3. ‘RoboCop’ $25.6 million
4. ‘The Monuments Men’ $18 million
5. ‘Endless Love’ $15.1 million

“RoboCop” didn’t even score the second spot. That honor went to “About Last Night,” the raunchy remake of the raunchy 1986 rom-com. Based — very, very loosely — on David Mamet’s play “Sexual Perversity in Chicago,” it grossed $28.5 million. In “Night,” Kevin Hart joins Michael Ealy, Regina Hall and Joy Bryant as Los Angelenos struggling with intimacy issues. It’s the second hit Hart has enjoyed in 2014, following the Ice Cube buddy cop comedy “Ride Along.” (That film incidentally, ranked No. 6 for the weekend, adding $10 million for a $117.4 million total.)

Despite opening last Wednesday and thus having a two-day head start on the competition, the “RoboCop” remake netted only $25.6 million. The sci-fi action film cost around $100 million to make, and tried to distinguish itself by not repeating the original story. Then again, perhaps its biggest misstep was keeping the action to a mere PG-13. “RoboCop” is the second Verhoeven remake, after “Total Recall” in 2012, to bomb. Perhaps execs should take note.

The other Valentine’s Day newbies fared worse than “About Last Night.” “Endless Love,” another remake, this time of the 1981 Brooke Shields romance, bowed to $15.1 million. That was almost double the other love-centered debut, “Winter’s Tale,” which adapted Mark Helprin’s 1983 novel. In the film, Colin Farrell plays an age-defying thief who courts a dying woman and talks to a flying horse.

Elsewhere on the charts, “The Monuments Men,” George Clooney’s WWII romp about the pursuit to save Europe’s art from the Nazis, held in there, grossing another $18 million. Starring Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray, it has now made $46.7 million. And after a whopping 13 weeks, people are still seeing Disney’s “Frozen.” The animated film wrangled $8.7 million for a freakish $378.2 million total.

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**8 P.M., NBC**

Drama

## 'Pretty Little Liars'

Spencer's addiction creates doubt among her friends when she finally decides to tell them what she's discovered about Ezra. Should the girls trust what Spencer says?

**8 P.M., ABC FAMILY**

Reality

## 'American Idol'

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Ecuador is best known for the Galapagos Islands — but in addition to the tropical lifestyle of the coast, the Latin American country also offers beautiful mountain landscapes and urban settings, old and new. Ecuadorian airline Tame offers direct flights from JFK Airport to Guayaquil, the largest city in the country, and mountain city Quito is just an hour's flight away.

## Quito

There are plenty of commercial, international hotel chains from which to choose in the nation's capital — but for a more romantic escape, stay in the cozy Hotel Plaza Grande, which offers gorgeous views of Old Town's Independence Square.

Quito's Old Town is a must-visit. Take a stroll through the narrow, hilly streets lined with Easter egg-colored buildings and stop into the San Francisco Museum and Convent, where you can see an array of 17th century paintings and walk through a beautiful courtyard and garden. Browse preserved manuscripts and devotional paintings in this quiet space.

The Iglesia de la Compania de Jesus is one of Quito's most famous churches, and for good reason. The interior of the baroque church is covered in gold leaf and elaborate woodcarvings. The church is flooded with gilded patterns and portraits of saints; the level of detail is enough to make your eyes hurt.

For an insightful look into the city's art scene, visit the Guayasamin Museum. The late artist Oswaldo Guayasamin is considered the Picasso of Quito, and his home is open to visitors next to the museum. Guayasamin is the pride of Ecuador, and you'll see his paintings in the airports and copies in gift shops. His home offers a unique perspective into his revolutionary work as well as the classist landscape of the country during his early career.

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# Make some extra cash

**On the side.** Need some spare money while in school? Here are some ways to line your pockets.

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Let's face it: As a student, sometimes it feels like you're broke. Between paying for all that darn tuition and the big heavy textbooks, along with the hour-long commute — and don't forget the rent and meals — there isn't much left in your pockets for other things, like going out. Even a student part-time job may not be getting you quite enough money as you would like.

Here are some easy and quick ways to make some extra money. If you can find a little time in your busy schedule and just be a little creative, you could be finding ways to make a little extra cash on the side. Even if it isn't a lot, a little can certainly go a long way.

## Write for the school newspaper

If you have a passion for writing and reporting school events, then writing for the school newspaper is an excellent way to make some money on the side. Some school newspapers also offer prizes to students just for sending in their submissions, such as an opinion piece, artwork or even a poem. Contributing content not only helps you earn, it may also help you grow a professional network. Not only will you be making some extra cash, the connections could help your career. You can also try out other freelance work such as photography or Web design.

## Be a website tester

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## Mystery shopper

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## School contests

Be sure to check out various contests being held at your college or university, because most of them offer cash, gift cards or other prizes. For example, at Humber College in Toronto, students can win some cash just for sending in a short video of themselves talking about a health-related issue for the Student Health Online Magazine that is read by the Humber College community. See if your school offers something similar.

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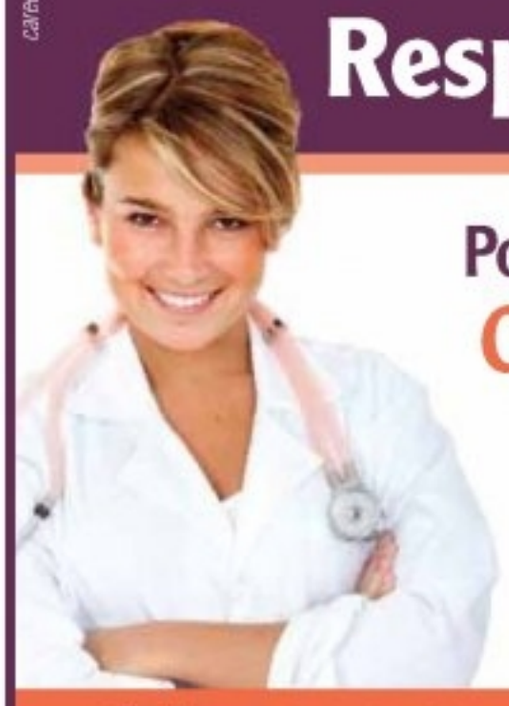
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# Support. One-on-one can be the best ratio to help students with slipping grades

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## 'Hating' school

Every student grumbles about school once in a while, but if you're complaining regularly or all of a sudden "hating" school, that is a sure sign that something is wrong.

## Homework

If you're avoiding doing homework, it may be time to bring in extra support. Struggling students either keep trying and get more and more frustrated or avoid the issue by simply not doing the work.

## Drop in test or quiz scores

If you're a solid B math student but start bringing home C's on quizzes and tests, it's a sign that you may need help to get back on track. METRO

There's no shame in asking for help. / COLOURBOX

**Solutions**

- **Contact the teacher:** Starting a dialogue with your teacher can be a big help. Let the teacher know you're struggling and see what solutions the school may offer.
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# Doing double time

**Scheduling.** Here are six steps for balancing work while trying not to flunk out of school.

Working part-time while in school is an excellent way to offset some of your tuition, textbook and housing costs. However, it can be challenging to juggle a job on top of an already busy student schedule. Here are some suggestions for how to balance work with your studies.

## Stay organized

Planning out your schedule is the most important step to ensuring that you stay on top of your schoolwork and your job. Use a calendar that's connected to your email or one that you can download to your computer — or opt for a paper agenda. Whatever you choose, use your planner to schedule in class times, deadlines, shifts at work, time for studying, errands and exercise, social activities and any other commitments you have.

Seeing your schedule laid out like this will help you manage your time well to make sure you don't let anything fall off your radar.

## Be honest with your employer

Make it clear that your job is important to you, but that your studies ultimately have to come first.

Your boss should already expect this and he or she will probably appreciate your dedication to your education.

Of course, you'll still need to make sure you're making your job a priority. However, you can make things a little bit easier on yourself by arranging your work schedule around exams or assignments well in advance. You should also be upfront with your employer about how many hours you are able to work each week without jeopardizing your studies.

Perhaps offer to work a little extra during peak times — employers will be more respectful of your schedule if you are respectful of theirs.

Plan ahead

## Be proactive about deadlines

Try setting "fake" due dates for yourself for assignments and exams a couple of days ahead of the real deadlines and aim to have your essay, report or studying completed by the earlier date.

Following this method, you'll always have a buffer period if you fall behind, or you can use that time to review your notes again or proofread your assignment one last time.

You should also start working on projects as soon as you get them. Not only will it help you get a good sense of how much time you need to set aside to complete the assignment, it will also eliminate the anxiety that comes with a looming deadline for something you haven't started yet.

## Treat your job like you treat school

Take your job seriously. Even though it's secondary to your education, you still need to give it your best effort.

Work hard to learn the job and perform well. Work will be less stressful, and your employer will be more willing to give you a good reference when you decide to leave the job. Plus, you'll be able to take pride in your work.

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More advice

## Treat your schoolwork like you treat your job

One of the hardest things about balancing coursework as a student is time management, because there's no one watching over you to make sure you don't procrastinate. When you're studying, act like you're at work: Every minute counts, so make sure you're using your time wisely. You have to become your own boss — you should hold yourself to the same high standards an actual employer would.

## But don't burn yourself out

Be honest with yourself about what you can realistically handle — not everyone can manage working while in school, and taking on too much could mean you end up neglecting your studies. To prevent this from happening, make sure you give yourself a break every now and again. Time off is important for your physical, emotional and mental health. It's expected that you'll have to forego some social activities, but that doesn't mean you have to deprive yourself of fun.

Take a night off occasionally to see friends and maintain relationships with the people you care about. And schedule in some personal time every once in a while too, to give yourself a chance to catch your breath, check in with yourself and make sure your stress levels are manageable.

As hard as it might be at times, there are many advantages to working while you're in school. Once you've found a good work/student life balance, you can focus on making the most of your extra income.

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## Connect with interviewers

Discover something you have in common with hiring managers. They aren't only looking for solid credentials: They're seeking the right fit within their group dynamics, someone to roll up their sleeves with during an intense monthly deadline, someone to grab a beer with after cranking out that report. Establishing a connection is key to standing out.

Research interviewers' profiles on LinkedIn prior to the interview. Do you have a connection of perhaps a former employer, mutual contact, alumni association or personal interest? Also, during the interview you can make small talk about the weather, current events, vacations or sports to find a connection.

# USING YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS ON THE JOB

Remember, every interaction you have is an opportunity to shine.
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When I recruited for hiring managers and they gave the green light to extend a job offer to a candidate with a nearly identical résumé to other job seekers, out of curiosity I asked, "Why did you select this candidate over the others?" It was always based on liking one candidate the most or having a personal connection to someone who referred them.

Yes, it's all subjective from interviewers' points of view. But it boils down to landing the most likes. Here are three ways to rise above the pack:

### Breathe

Becoming more personable is really about the essentials. Breathing helps you to put your best foot forward. Exuding the "It" factor starts with having a firm handshake, looking everyone in the eye, smiling and appearing confident and at ease, as if you already received two job offers this week. Consider the alternative: If you appear too stoic or nervous, that won't convey the pleasant personality you're going for.

Take three deep breaths for five seconds to clear your mind and get centered before you open the front door of a potential employer's office. This sets the tone for the interview; it says you're in the zone. Don't think about potential interview questions and answers. Focus on deep breaths instead. This can give you a significant edge; countless candidates arrive flustered due to the weather, their commute, anything — they don't take time to get grounded by mentally freshening up.

### Take an improv class

From the first moment you have an initial conversation with a recruiter to minutes after you exit the interview itself, you're being judged. Your candidacy is based on your whole package and every interaction: emails with the recruiter to schedule the interview, your CV, your cover letter, the interview itself, your behavior in the elevator. Even your thank you note is being evaluated.

Each interaction is an opportunity to shine. Taking an improv class can help. Classes at the Philly Improv Theater will get you out of your own head and comfort zone. You'll become immersed in the moment by thinking quickly on your feet without second-guessing. This will serve you well during tough interview questions, too.

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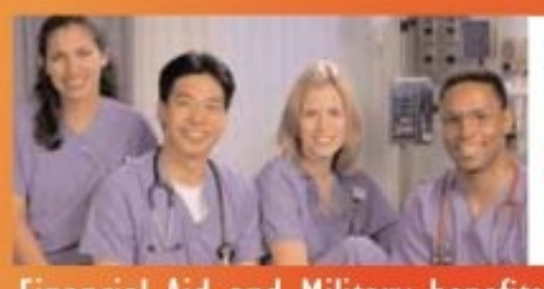

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# Kids crafts for the DIY clueless

It only takes 30 minutes to make this adorable wall art. / PROVIDED

**Get crafty.** Learn how to make DIY nursery decor, personalized kids toys and more with Christine Schmidt's book, "Yellow Owl's Little Prints."

If you've developed some serious Pinterest envy over those ambitious parents who pin pictures of amazing homemade nursery and playroom decor, it's time to get in the game. Christine Schmidt's book, "Yellow Owl's Little Prints: Stamp, Stencil, and Print Projects to Make for Kids," has 25 ideas that even the least crafty parents can do. What makes her projects so easy are her simple step-by-step instructions and detailed illustrations showing what you need to be doing, so you know you're on the right (or wrong) track.

From beautiful woodland mobiles and wall art to pillows, the crafts all use stamps and stencils that you can use to personalize the items with your child's name. Below is one idea from the book: personalized wall art created using alphabet block rubbing.

## Alphabet block rubbing

Equal parts art class and spelling lesson, this easy and versatile project will earn an A+ in creative learning. The best part is, you probably already have everything you need to get started. Spell out any name or message to create what you would like to write. Be sure to get traditional blocks with raised letters and flat sides. Although you could use any type of paper, transparent vellum is preferred. Its strength can take the rubbing, and the transparency allows you to see exactly where you should be pressing and easily align additional words.

Crayons work, but the concentrated color, clearer impressions and lack of waxy residue make colored pencils the winner here. Ask the cashier from the grocer for a large rubber band, but if you are unable to get one, secure the sides of the blocks together with masking tape. Just don't use duct tape because it will leave a sticky mess. Hear the school bell ring? Well, pull out your pencil case because class is about to begin!

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## DIY Project. Alphabet Block Rubbing

**Time:** 30 minutes
**Difficulty:** Easy
**Craft:** Spelling your kid's name or a favorite quote with a simple technique that anybody can master.

Use colored pencils, not crayons. / PROVIDED

1 Arrange alphabet blocks face up to spell out the word or name.

2 Rotate extra blocks so the flat side is up and place them around the perimeter of the word.

3 Secure the blocks together with a rubber band.

4 Place vellum over the blocks. Put one hand on the blocks to secure the paper to the blocks. Use a colored pencil in the other hand to rub the raised surface of the blocks.

5 Repeat steps 1 – 4 as needed for additional words or names. Align the paper below the first line and rub with the nib of a colored pencil.

*For more ideas, visit www.yellowowlworkshop.com.*

**Materials**

- Set of wood alphabet blocks
- Large rubber band, about 3.5 inches x ¼ inch (9 cm x 6 mm), or elastic tie
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**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Avoid uncomfortable situations by using discretion. Giving too much attention to someone will not help you gain overall support.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Others will be impressed by your achievements if you stop procrastinating and start acting.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Get rid of tension by taking care of household chores or doing something physical. You will be much more relieved in a clean environment.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Your social life may need a pick-me-up. Join a service, club or organization and meet new people. Sharing common interests will stimulate your sense.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** It is never a good idea to flaunt your wealth around strangers. Be careful with your valuable possessions.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Keep your emotions in check. Disagreements may occur if you become stressed or unhappy. Commit to staying active.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Concentrate your attentions on your family and loved ones. Satisfying relationships require nurturing and effort. There will be opportunities to deal with career concerns.

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## Letters

### *Turn up the heat, Foreman*

**Re: 'Apocalypse snow' (Metro, Feb. 14-17)**
Columnist Tom Foreman must be frozen in a myopic East Coast cave. His piece bringing up questions about global warming due to the winter in the Midwest and eastern United States certainly misses the fact the West Coast is experiencing a record drought, Australia was on fire due to the hottest summer ever and Brazil was having terrible heat waves. I guess he doesn't watch sports either, as he may have seen film of Olympians sunning in the 66-degree temperatures in Sochi where they're holding the WINTER Olympics. Add it all up, and the world has actually been warmer this past year than any year prior. Even with the current cold start in North America, this year won't change the fact the world is overall a warmer place than it's been. Just because mega energy companies can hire fleets of fact-fudgers to question the veracity of a vast preponderance of science, doesn't mean he has to buy into it. Sadly, he's right, though, in that all the heat made by energy company flacks will effect any Congressional action to help us. It's too bad he had to pile on in a pique of cabin fever.
PHIL LINDSAY, VIA EMAIL

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19 River or wine
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22 Crinkled fabric
23 Bunch of flowers
25 Stir up
26 Chiang — -shek
27 Harassed
30 Yokum lad
33 Teenaged
34 Electron loser
36 Pencil point
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38 Rug measurement
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45 Untold centuries
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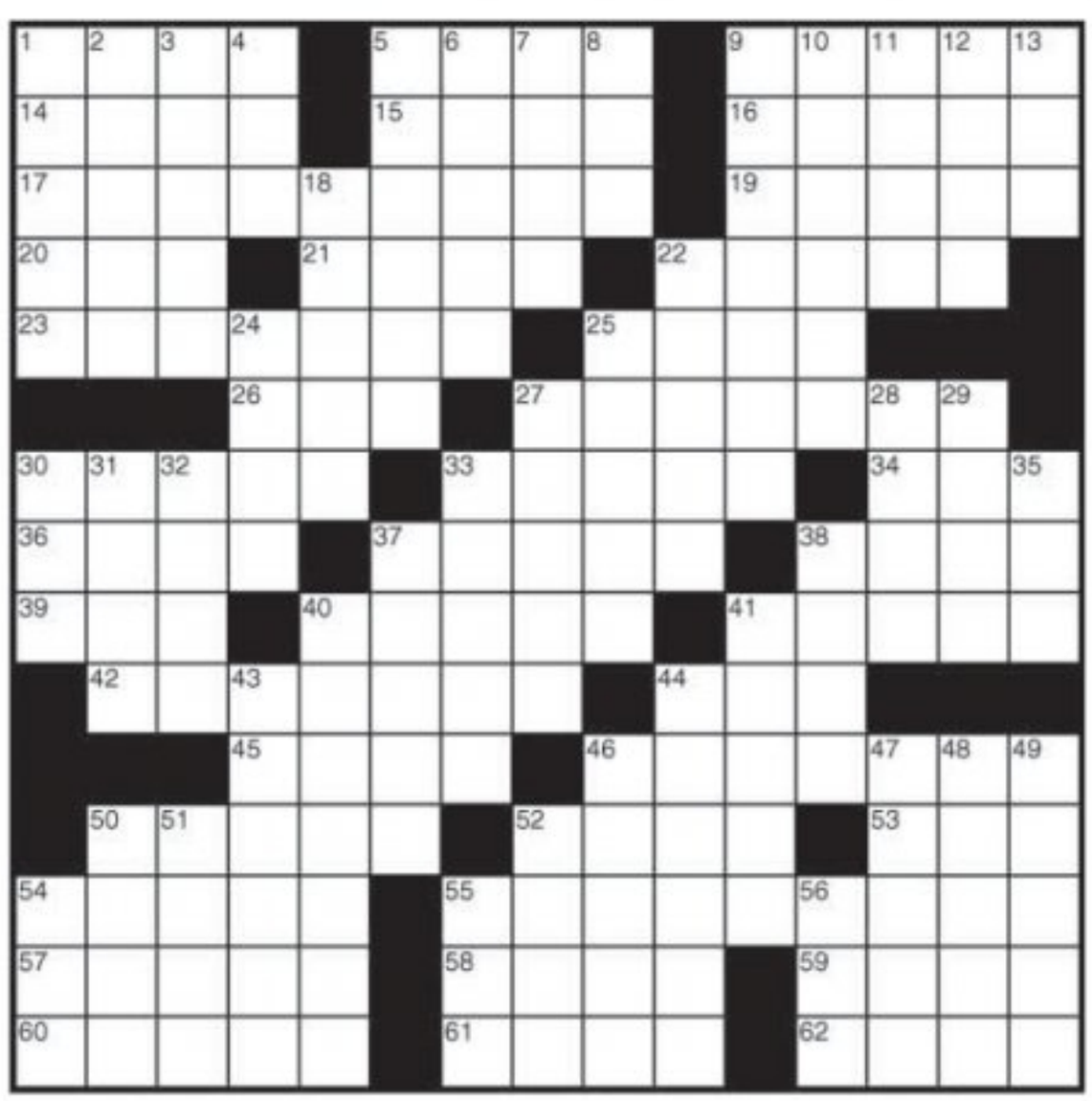

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# FANS SHOULD BE WORRIED AS SPRING TRAINING BEGINS

The Phillies opened spring training last week with their wallet wide open and their eyes slammed shut. If fans weren't worried about the competence of the front office before this, they are now.

Just days after belittling the idea of a major move, GM Ruben Amaro Jr. spent $16 million on eccentric starting pitcher A.J. Burnett. Almost simultaneous with that agreement was the alarming news that Cole Hamels will not be ready for the start of the season because of bicep tendonitis in his pitching arm.

The timetable for Hamels' recovery is as bizarre as the injury itself. He felt some pain in the upper left arm and shoulder during his routine throwing program late in October, but that discomfort is gone now. The season starts in six weeks. The pitcher said he "feels great." But he won't be ready on March 31. Why not?

At 37, Burnett had a career year in Pittsburgh last season, but then he gave up seven runs to St. Louis in the first game of the playoffs, his latest spectacular failure under pressure. The right-hander was so pitiful, he was bypassed for the deciding playoff game despite his status as the No. 1 starter.

Cole Hamels recently announced he will not be ready to pitch on opening day, but Phillies GM Ruben Amaro Jr. insists the bicep injury is not a serious one. / GETTY IMAGES

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Cataldi on Burnett

## Logic suggests strongly that the Burnett signing was a direct result of the Hamels news.

He reacted predictably with a full-blown hissy fit.

After an off-season that brought only one significant acquisition, journeyman outfielder Marlon Byrd, Amaro suddenly outbid the Pirates by $4 million last week to secure Burnett. For that same $16 million — or far less per season — Amaro had many other free-agent options (Ervin Santana, Ubaldo Jimenez, Matt Garza) who were younger and more promising, and he negotiated with none of them.

Logic suggests strongly that the Burnett signing was a direct result of the Hamels news. This leads to a far more ominous question: How serious is the injury to the Phillies' ace? Apparently, no one can answer that question, including the Phillies themselves.

According to the pitcher, team doctor Michael Ciccotti arrived at the diagnosis of bicep tendonitis without benefit of an MRI. On my WIP radio show last week, I asked one of the top orthopedic surgeons in the country, Dr. David Craft, about Hamels, and his first words were: "Well, I'm sure they gave him an MRI." He was audibly perplexed when I informed him that no such test was given.

The Phillies have a stunning record of failure in the diagnosis and treatment of players (Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Roy Halladay) over the past few years, and this health issue looks like another potential misfire. Why don't the Phillies want all the information they can get about their best pitcher before they plan the 2014 season? Are they afraid of the truth about Cole Hamels' arm?

There's always a chance that Hamels will be fine this season and Burnett will slot in perfectly as the No. 3 starter. Maybe this is just a spring scare. But don't bet on it.

**3 SPORTS**

Hot free agent

### *Cooper could get a lot of interest*

**After a career year with the Eagles, wide receiver Riley Cooper might end up as one of the most desired free agents this off-season, according to Pro Football Talk's Mike Florio. Cooper caught eight touchdown passes and collected 835 yards in 2013, and the Eagles could have their hands full resigning both him and Jeremy Maclin.**

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Cataldi on the Eagles

## Former Eagles CEO Banner learned nothing from Philly

Banner stepped down in Cleveland. / GETTY IMAGES

Most people who knew Joe Banner during his 18 years as the CEO and president of the Eagles have vivid memories of his reign as the bad cop on Philadelphia's most popular sports team. Banner, in a word, was miserable. At the same time, however, he was a business genius.

Or was he? Banner's shocking dismissal as president of the Cleveland Browns last week after only 16 months requires a re-examination of his time here, an era of great success and constant discord. The Eagles won more games and made more enemies during Banner's tenure than at any other point in the team's long history.

Apparently, Banner learned nothing about how to deal with people even after his abrupt and ugly departure here. Browns president Jimmy Haslam ultimately decided to fire his CEO because of frequent shouting matches with GM Mike Lombardi — who was also dumped — and because three coaching candidates said they would not work for Banner.

Even more undeniable is the impression now that Banner is a terrible talent evaluator, a shortcoming that brought about the premature departure here of Brian Dawkins, among others. In Cleveland, Banner picked the wrong coach, had a lousy draft and provided no immediate hope for a 4-12 team. Fans in Cleveland think he's clueless. Maybe we should too.

Banner's legacy in Philadelphia remains one of smart business management — especially with the salary cap — that made Jeffrey Lurie's $185 million investment into a billion dollars and helped to build Lincoln Financial Field. But he didn't know the game of football when he got here in 1994, and he doesn't know it now. His failure in Cleveland is conclusive proof of that.

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## Cataldi. Sixers coach making the best of a tough situation

Now that the Sixers have lost eight games in a row and are playing some absolutely hideous basketball, coach Brett Brown is absorbing his first rumbles of discontent. Naysayers are quietly asking if he is the long-term answer on the bench. These questions are unfair. They are also stupid.

After 12 straight seasons of 50 wins or more in San Antonio, Brown is doing exactly what he was hired to do, and that is develop Michael Carter-Williams and wait for an influx of young talent next season. Nothing short of divine intervention could save this putrid roster from the fate it is enduring right now. The Sixers stink.

Brown had avoided most of the sniping normally aimed at a losing coach until back-to-back slaughters against the Clippers and Suns last week.

Sixers head coach Brett Brown / GETTY IMAGES

The combined deficit of 88 points in those games set off a flurry of skepticism about Brown. Granted, those are humiliating defeats, but they mean nothing in an already futile season. Who cares what the final score is? A loss is a loss.

What's important is the dignity with which Brown has handled his rookie season here, answering awkward questions with honesty and promising far better results when he gets some actual NBA players to coach. Brown has done nothing this season, including those two routs last week, to suggest he cannot get the job done.

Brett Brown is not the problem with the Sixers this year, not at all. Starting next season, he will be part of the solution. You read it here first.

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Idle thoughts

- Jim Fregosi was a baseball lifer who left behind the memory of the beloved Macho Row Phillies when he died last week. He hated the radio station where I have worked for 25 years, WIP, and probably me too. But if you didn't feel the loss, you missed all the fun here in 1993. RIP, Jim.
- Richie Incognito has been unmasked, once and for all, as a sports bully, and no lame denials by the Miami lineman are going to salvage his reputation now. The recent NFL report on his behavior is filled with racism and homophobia. He needs a permanent seat on the bench — not to mention, a punch in the mouth.
- Comcast chose Jamie Moyer over Mitch Williams for one of the openings in the Phillies TV broadcast booth, despite Williams' advantage in experience and wit. And please don't argue that Williams was too expensive, not when the cable TV giant just bid $45 billion for Time Warner. Terrible decision.
- LeBron James picked Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Oscar Robertson as the top four players of all time last week, with himself a close fifth. Somebody should introduce James to an NBA record book, where he could learn about the best player in history, Wilt Chamberlain. It's not close, kids. Look it up.

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Larry Brown went 225-205 and won an Eastern Conference title with the Sixers. He now coaches the SMU Mustangs. / GETTY IMAGES

# Owls ruin the return of Brown

**NCAA.** Larry Brown is taking the same approach with SMU that he did with the 76ers a decade ago.

The gang was mostly all here Sunday to welcome Larry Brown when he brought the SMU Mustangs back to town to face struggling Temple: Aaron McKie, Malik Rose, Tony DiLeo, Sonny Hill and, of course, Eric Snow and George Lynch (who both had to be here since they're on his staff).

But for 73-year-old Brown — who's more than a decade removed from when he left Allen Iverson and the Sixers behind to lead the Pistons to an NBA championship — it was too good to be true.

That's because Fran Dunphy's Owls, still reeling from a 24-point thumping by Louisville on Friday, turned back the clock to better times with a stunning 71-64 upset at home.

"We got outcoached," said Brown. "Fran did a great job of creating matchup problems for us. He's as underrated as any coach there is."

Make no mistake, though, Hall of Famer Larry Brown ain't too shabby, either. Now at No. 23, this is the first time that SMU has ranked since 1985.

"I had no expectations when I heard he was coming," said SMU senior Nick Russell. "But I didn't think it would be like it is now. I'm so surprised so blessed to be in this situation with him. ... He's done a great job. We're learning from him every day."

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**Quoted**

**"It's great to watch Coach Brown out there working with them, to see him take on the challenge of rebuilding SMU."**

SMU conditioning coach and former Sixer George Lynch

**The legend**

## Brown recalls Philadelphia days with fondness

After an unexpected loss to Temple during his first trip to Philadelphia as SMU head coach, Larry Brown still looked back at his time in the city with a smile. After all, he was once again back in the city where his youngest children essentially grew up.

"I love Philly and I loved being part of basketball culture here," said Brown, nearly 13 years since he guided the Sixers to the NBA Finals. "I had a wonderful time here and I love coming back. But I'm not real happy at the moment."

It's clear, though, no matter how much he tried to step away, coaching is in his blood — the level doesn't matter.

"I love being a pro coach," said the man who coached two ABA and nine NBA teams. "I love college [SMU following UCLA and Kansas]. I don't see much of a difference. The relationships I've had as a coach, that's everything. That's why I'm back doing this. I feel pretty lucky at my age."

The only ones luckier have been his players, among them Allen Iverson, who remains one of Brown's most memorable links to the City of Brotherly Love.

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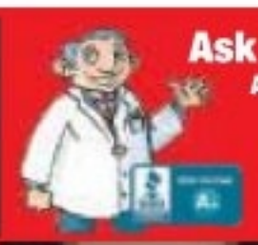

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Tournament update

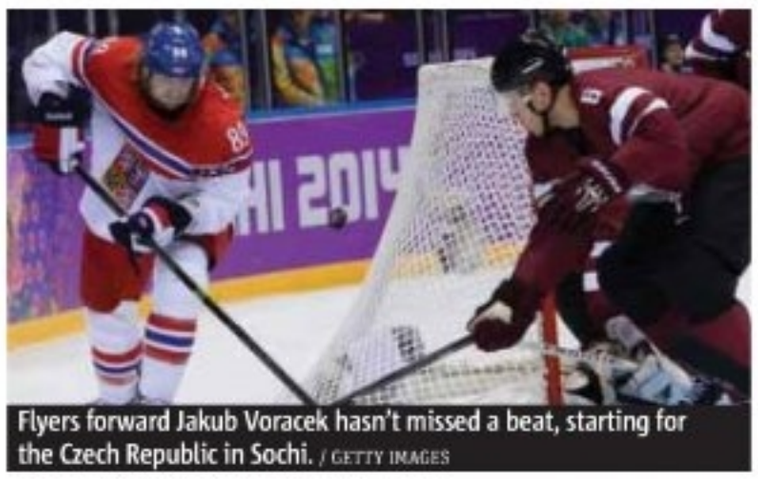
## Team USA waits for next opponent

After going 3-0 in Group A, the United States has compiled the second highest goal total (behind Sweden) and has earned a bye to skip directly into Wednesday's quarterfinals. Their opponent is yet to be determined — but if the favorites all prevail, they would face Canada in the semifinals.

Team USA fans will likely have to set their DVRs (or skip work) for Team USA's run, as most games take place prior to noon in the U.S. Sochi is nine hours ahead of the East Coast. METRO

# Flyers keep up great play, even in Russia

**Winter Olympics.** The Flyers' five Olympians are making an impact in Sochi.


Flyers forward Jakub Voracek hasn't missed a beat, starting for the Czech Republic in Sochi. / GETTY IMAGES

Before the Olympic break, the Flyers were playing some of their best hockey of the year.

And now, as the men's competition prepares for the quarterfinals Tuesday, it is clear that several Flyers are playing just as well for their respective countries in Sochi.

Michael Raffl headlines the Flyers in the Winter Games, the rookie winger scored what proved to be the game-winning goal for Austria in Sunday's 3-1 win over Norway.

It was the first goal of Raffl's Olympic career.

Mark Streit's Switzerland squad has played in three 1-0 decisions, two of them wins.

Flyers defenseman Kimmo Timonen has not compiled any points this Olympics, but Finland is sitting pretty with a No. 4 seed and first round bye.

Jakub Voracek has an Olympic goal for the Czech Republic, the game-winner in a 4-2 win over Latvia Friday.

And finally, Flyers defenseman Andrej Meszaros played 20:29 minutes on defense for Slovakia in a 1-0 loss to Russia Sunday.

All five players will be in action in the elimination round starting Tuesday.

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Schedule

The U.S. is the No. 2 seed and will play the winner of the Czech Republic and Slovakia in its first elimination game. A look at the schedule (all times EDT):

- **Wednesday, Feb. 19:**
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  Quarterfinal No. 2, NBCSN, 7:30 a.m.
  Quarterfinal No. 3, USA Network, noon
  Quarterfinal No. 4, NBCSN, noon
- **Friday, Feb. 21:**
  Semifinal No. 1, NBCSN, 7 a.m.
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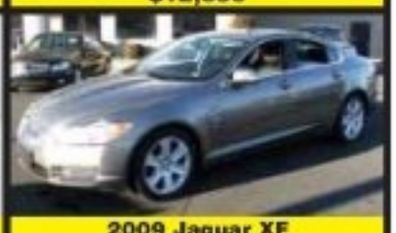
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